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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the new ground of rejection within the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated August 31, 2004, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows:

Proposed Amendments to the specification are listed on page 2 of this paper.

Proposed Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Proposed Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.